

# The North Carolina Experience

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# New, Intermediate and Established

Which category does North Carolina fall into?

# What is the meaning of:

- **Marathon (Established)** is defined as a long distance race
- **Run (Intermediate)** is defined as moving at a speed faster than a walk – never having both feet on the ground at the same time
- **Walk (New)** is defined as moving at a regular and fairly slow pace by lifting and setting down each foot in turn

# Just a little background Information...



# April 2008 - NC General Assembly convenes the Joint Study Committee on Hospital Infection Control and Disclosure.

Senator William Purcell, Co-Chair

Representative Martha Alexander, Co-Chair

January 2009 - Legislative Study Committee made the following recommendation to NC General Assembly:



“Implement a mandatory, State-operated, Statewide hospital acquired infection surveillance and reporting system... operating within the DHHS, Division of Public Health”

**NC House Bill 296/Senate Bill 300  
were introduced with strong  
support but the state's fiscal  
reality meant funding was not  
available in this 2009 session.**

NC Legislators drafted a Special Provision when the availability of ARRA “stimulus” funds were announced for HAI activities.



# Special Provision:

NC DHHS to apply for federal funds  
*“to implement a mandatory, statewide hospital-acquired infections surveillance and reporting system as recommended by the Joint Study Committee on Hospital Infection Control and Disclosure.”*

# “Purpose of Project”

...create new state level competencies and tools that will persist after the Recovery Act and leave behind a sustainable infrastructure for reporting on long-term progress toward meeting the US HHS HAI prevention targets...

# HAI Project's Three Focus Areas

- Infrastructure – North Carolina Division of Public Health is lead
- Prevention – North Carolina Hospital Foundation's Center for Hospital Quality and Patient Safety is lead
- Surveillance – Statewide Program for Infection Control and Epidemiology (SPICE) is lead

# Actions Completed or in Progress

- HAI Advisory Group formed
- State HAI Plan written and approved by the HAI Advisory Group
- Adoption of National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) as the platform for HAI reporting
- Voluntary reporting program
- Surveillance Data Validation
- Prevention Collaboratives

# CLABSI Surveillance

- **Voluntary reporting program**

- › 1 November 2010 – 31 December 2011
- › Legal protection under a contractual data use agreement
- › 69 of 126 participating acute care facilities (as of August 2011)

- **Mandatory reporting program**

- › Reporting will begin January 1, 2012
- › Legal mandate: NCGS 130A-150 (HB 809)
- › All in-patient acute care hospitals must participate

# North Carolina Statutory Mandate

HB 809 unanimously passed both the Senate and House and was signed into law by Gov. Purdue on 27 June 2011

# North Carolina General Statute 130A-150

## Key Points

- ◉ Statewide surveillance of HAI by December 31, 2011
- ◉ Hospitals shall report HAI to NHSN and allow NC DHHS access to these data
- ◉ The department shall disclose reports on HAI to the public

# Proposed Rules

- Hospitals shall report HAIs to the Department using the NHSN within 30 days following the end of each month
- Hospitals shall report HAIs following requirements of CMS listed in the IPPS rules beginning with CLABSI, CAUTI and select SSIs
- The Department shall publically disclose HAI information beginning October 2012 and quarterly thereafter
- The department will encourage facilities to implement electronic surveillance systems

# Future Plans for Public Disclosure in North Carolina

- ◉ Quarterly reports beginning October 2012
- ◉ NC DHHS website
- ◉ Reports include aggregate and facility-specific information
- ◉ A 30 day window will be provided to facilities before the release of each report to view, edit and comment on their data

# Final review

- The North Carolina HAI Prevention Program began a voluntary surveillance in November 2010
- NCGS 130A-150 will mandate the reporting of HAI beginning January 1, 2012
- North Carolina will align reporting recommendations with CMS to mitigate the reporting burden on hospitals
- Public disclosure of HAI will begin October 2012

# Conclusion

North Carolina has been in a:

- Marathon
- Run
- Walk
- Crawl

# Special Thanks

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# Questions

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